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1. GENERAL MANAGER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AGENCY TRAN VAN KHOI
INFORMED EMBOFF THAT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING TALKS AT TECHNIC
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LEVEL. AS STARTING POINT CAMBODIANS SUGGESTED LINE DRAWN FROM MAIN-
LAND THROUGH MIDDLE OF HON PAJANG ISLANDS, PHU QUOC ISLAND BEING LEFT
ENTIRELY ON CAMBODIAN SIDE. BY A PROCESS OF GRADUALLY RETREATING FROM
THIS POSITION CAMBODIANS HAD HOPED TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS FROM GVN
DELEGATION. LATTER REFUSED TO COOPERATE AND INSTEAD QUESTIONED WHAT
PRINCIPLE CAMBODIANS HAD USED IN DRAWING LINE. TALKS DID NOT ADVANCE
BEYOND THIS STAGE DURING FOUR MORNING SESSIONS BETWEEN MARCH 4
AND 7. CAMBODIANS DID, HOWEVER, AGREE TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR
GOVERNMENT THAT GVN BE GIVEN SEISMIC DATA OF DISPUTED AREA AND IN-
FORMATION ON TWO WELLS DRILLED BY ELF-ERAP.

2. TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. GVN DELEGATES
WERE SYMPATHEITC TO CAMBODIANS WHOSE LOW MORALE BETRAYED THEIR
CONCERN OVER FATE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. KHOI FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO
UNDERSTAND WHY GKR HAD DECIDED TO HOLD THESE TALKS AT THIS TIME.

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